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The change from snow-banks in Michigan to farmers plowing and planting in Kentucky and Tennessee can be made in less than twenty hours. Here in Houston county, Tenn., most of the plowing has been done, considerable corn is in the ground and spring has fairly opened. On this 31 day April, it is as warm here as any day in May in Michigan. The winter has been a severe one here, as well as at the North, and the opening of spring is the latest for many years.

It is wonderful how the South is picking up. The boom was slow in coming, but it has spread all over the South, and is visible in every route of travel. Farmers are clearing, refencing and putting up new buildings, villages are spreading out, and towns and cities are pushing enterprises involving large sums and tramping all kinds of business. Every day—and they cheerfully admit it—the sons of the South are becoming more and more imbued with Yankee push and dash, and every day that some enterprise is showing beneficial results.

We in Michigan boast of our "right smart" small towns, but Kentucky and Tennessee may do the same. Here in this town of 500 population, and having a big hotel, a fine Court-house and plenty of stores, one could not have found five hundred seven years ago. Ten years ago it was a country made up of hills, thickets, forest and swales, with only a few farms worth working. A decade has worked such changes as would not be credited if told of a section in the North.

The border Southern has healed the wounds of war, forgotten that he once owned slaves, ceased to repine over his losses, and is pushing ahead with a snap to his eye that means business. Late falls, short winters and early springs are an offset in Tennessee, when wheat falls to yield more than fifteen bushels to the acre. The average in West Tennessee is not over twenty, but it is a good tobacco country, and oats, corn, barley and other cereals also finely.

In Georgia and Virginia the farmers are crazy about fertilizers, and the wisest among them admit that they are stimulating their lands to over exertion. In Western Tennessee guano is scarcely known, and farmers seem to be dead set against even the use of compost. What could farmers around Detroit pay fifty cents a load for they were tumbling into the river at Nashville the other day to get rid of. One may ride for miles and fail to see a single field which has been enriched with material close at hand and without cost. It does not seem to be from laziness or shiftlessness, but farmers explain that they haven't been in the habit of so doing. The lands which now grow fifteen bushels of wheat to the acre only want to fall into the hands of our Northern farmers to yield thirty.

A Northern farmer who wants good, tillable lands at fair value, good water and ready markets should not overlook Tennessee. If he turns his face Southward, the winters are far milder than ours and the corn-planting season is over before we have shut our coal stoves or taken off our overcoats. There are many Northern men down here, some farming, others in business or railroading, and they all speak highly of the climate and of the people around them.

Erin, Tenn., April, 1883.
KENTUCKY.

An English Estimate of Her.
[From an article by Attorney & Viney, English and American Farm Agents, London, England.]

Although the tide of emigration has set so prevalently towards Canada and the Western States, some of the more Southern portions of the North American continent present attractions to the agriculturist which cannot be overrated. Notably the State of Kentucky, and especially that portion of it known as the Blue Grass region. We are indeed somewhat at a loss to understand its comparative neglect by enterprising Englishmen of means; for here on the rich pastures and amid the sylvan scenery of this fertile plain, in a mild and healthy climate, the Kentucky farmer rears the blooded stock to which the South and West look for their supplies of breeding animals, and not a few find their way across the ocean to improve the stock of Great Britain, whilst many an English racehorse is English only in name and traces his parentage and racing to the stud farms of Kentucky.

Not only this fine region less capable of raising vegetable produce; cereals and fruit are easily grown, besides tobacco and hemp, which may be considered the staple crops. More than half the State is still virgin soil, and the Old World traditions of the inhabitants should make it less foreign than many other parts of America to the English settler.

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The Sarcastic Young Woman.

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She has not the ability to distinguish between impudence and satire, and it is an easy task to convince her that illbred rudeness of speech is the perfection of irony, and that to say spiteful and unpleasant things to everybody she meets is sure to win her reputation of being sarcastic. She eagerly cultivates her fancied talent, not allowing an opportunity to exercise it pass unimproved, and she generally succeeds in making herself heartily disliked by those who are unfortunate enough to be numbered among her acquaintances.

Young men who are generally sensitive to ridicule avoid her systematically. She attributes this to the wholesome fear in which she is held.

The family think her brilliant when every one else pronounces her insulting. Her sarcasm generally degenerates into insinuation, and she is regarded as a pest. Without friends she is lonely and dissatisfied, but is still far from guessing the true reason of her forlorn state, for her petty vice has become a second nature, and she cannot estimate its disagreeable effect upon others.

It is now the latter part of April, and all over Kentucky the crops are planted and growing, the meadows and blue grass pastures are green with growing grasses upon which stock of all kinds is feeding, the spring blossoms are full blown and all nature is rapidly donning summer attire.

Further south the summer is fully come and the resident population is luxuriating upon spring chickens, strawberries and early vegetables. In the Northwest the frosts still chill the earth, the blizzard hithers the noses of the inhabitants, and not even the enterprising Colorado beetle has yet crawled out of his winter quarters to watch for the first pop above the clouds of his toothsome potato vine. The oxen there continue to die of cold and starvation and have cut the acquaintance of their master's crib because they are empty, while those of the masters who are profane curse their fate, and the pious pray for a southern breeze and a warmer sunshine.

[Francis & Miller's Real Estate Journal.]

In 1868, when Grant was first nominated for president, McCarty (now of the Paducah Journal) remarked to General Buckner: "General, you ought to go for Grant this time. 'Why the h—ll and d—n ought I go for Grant? piously exclaimed Simon Bolivar. 'Because one good turn deserves another,' replied Mc. 'Grant, you know, went for you at Fort Donelson.' Mc. successfully dodged all the light portable material in the room, but when the irate ex-warrior made at him with an upturned chair, he emulated the example of General Floyd at the same Fort Donelson by showing a clean pair of heels. And even to this day he never hears the name of Buckner mentioned without an involuntary duck of the head.

Did any one of our readers ever think how many steps the farmer takes in a year? Take simple planting of a field of corn. Take a five-acre field. To break it up would require walking some forty miles; harrowing it, ten miles; turning it, twenty miles; planting, eleven miles it with a planter, and if dropped by hand and then covered, twenty miles. Thus it will be seen that it takes 100 miles of travel to put in a five-acre field of corn, to say nothing of cultivating and harvesting, and the going to and from the field while planting.

PICKLES CUCUMBERS.—Wash and wipe the cucumbers and place them in a jar. To one gallon of cider vinegar add 1 teaspoonful of salt, 1 or 2 red peppers cut fine, one-quarter of a pound of white mustard seed, one-quarter of an ounce of ginger root, a piece of alum the size of a butternut, 1 teaspoonful of horseradish root not grated. Then bring the ingredients to a boil; pour over the cucumbers boiling hot; cover closely, and they are done.

There came very near being a cyclone at our house the other evening, when our wife ordered us to set a hen, and we asked her if we must set it leaded or solid. [Breckenridge News.]

Why Payne Had No Home.

The idea that John Howard Payne was a victim of Nature's retributive justice will probably be a new one to a majority of readers. Yet it appears to be sincerely entertained by the Rev. E. H. Shepherd, of Shepton Mallet, England, the clergyman at whose suggestion and through whose efforts, while he was acting as British Chaplain at Tunis, the stained-glass window in memory of Payne was placed in the British church there. In a sermon preached by him recently in his parish church at Shepton Mallet he referred as follows to the dead poet: "Poor man, it was from the aching void of his heart that he sang, 'There's no place like home.' Though he lived in a 'palace' he was homeless. Tho' he 'roamed amid pleasures,' he was an unhappy man. Those who knew him well have told me that in spite of his fine poetic instincts it was a pain to converse with him, he was so misanthropic. And why? In his youth he disregarded the voice of God and Nature. 'It is not good for man to be alone,' and in his old age he found that, left alone, the Garden of Eden is but a barren wilderness to dwell in. Having failed to make a home for another, by just retributive Nature he was deprived of home himself."

[Chicago Tribune.]

THE HIGH LICENSE SYSTEM.—Referring to the workings of the high license system in Lincoln, Nebraska, a prominent liquor dealer in that city recently said: "We get along better under the new system. With a population of over 16,000, the city has only eleven saloons. If the license were reduced to \$100 per year there would be from fifty to seventy-five saloons, perhaps more. With such competition, the saloons would necessarily be very shabby, and besides there would be little or no money made by anybody. As it is now, we make money."

In July, 1881, the license fee was raised a year ago from \$50 to \$500 a year with the result of reducing the number of licenses from 107 to 60, while the receipts of the city treasury from that source rose from \$5,350 to \$30,000 with a great decrease in drunkenness.

THE COST OF "FIXING OUR FENCE."—"The fact that we have in the United States 6,000,000 miles of fences, which have cost nearly \$1,900,000, and have to be renewed every fifteen years, makes the fence problem one of the most important. It, however, most interests the farmers, who have the bulk of the labor to perform and expense to meet and timber to furnish for their consumption. The consumption of the timber for this purpose interests nearly every philanthropist. It is reported that Kentucky requires annually 10,000,000 trees to keep up her "national fence," the Virginia rail. The census bulletin of 1880 shows an expenditure of nearly \$80,000,000 on fence building and repairs in 1879.

It is estimated that not less than 50,000 visitors have been to Florida in the past winter. Supposing they remained there on an average of fifty days each, and expended \$2 a day each, it would amount to a disbursement of \$5,000,000, leaving out of the account all investments in orange groves and other real estate. There are four railroads centering at Jacksonville, including the one to St. Augustine, which will be finished in a few days. Another is now being built from Jacksonville to Palatka, thence onward to Tampa, on the Gulf of Mexico.

AN INDIANA WEDDING FEE.—An Indiana clergyman rode on horseback a distance of six miles to marry a couple. As he was starting for home a coin was given him. When he got home he looked at it, and it was an old-fashioned copper cent. The next morning the groom appeared at his door, and having explained with considerable embarrassment how the annoying mistake had been made, took back the cent and handed the clergyman a quarter. [Housier Happenings.]

"Why so gloomy this morning, Jacob?" "Ah, my poor little Penjinn Levi—he is dead." "Dead? You surprise me. How did it happen?" "Well, you see, my little Penjinn he was at der synagogue to say his prayers and a poy put in his bet at der table and gries, 'Job lod' and little Penjinn—he was gilt in der grush."

The theatrical season which is now near its close has not been as profitable to managers as that of last year. Out of 216 organizations that started out last season, over 100 came to grief.

Forests of North Carolina.

It is said that no forests of America will today compare with those of North Carolina in variety and luxuriance of growth. This State contains almost 40,000 miles of unbroken forest, containing all the best known species of trees to be found in this country. On the uplands may be found the white pine and the hemlock; on the lowlands, the palmetto and the magnolia. Of the twenty two species of oaks to be found east of the Rocky Mountains, nineteen grow in North Carolina, and twice as many varieties of trees grow within the limits of this State as may be found in the whole of Europe. For arboriculture, it is one of the most favored regions of the globe; every variety of tree grows with a rank luxuriance unknown in the North. Some tulip trees may be found more than a hundred feet high, and measuring thirty feet around at the foot of the trunk.

MANY orchards are raised in the Northeast by persons working in the interest of the great continental railroad monopolies, which have a large area of public domain to sell, against malarial disorders in the South. Of course the subject is greatly exaggerated. To those who listen to these theories to the prejudice of the South we ask this question: Is it any worse to die of malarial fever in the South than of pulmonary diseases in the North-west? Five persons die in the North-west of pneumonia and consumption to one in the South of malarial diseases. [Francis & Miller's Real Estate Journal.]

If the democrats in 1884 carry the States they won in 1882, they will have a majority of 189 electoral votes; but Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Connecticut may be regarded as decidedly doubtful. They have together eighty-three votes, deducting which, there will be left to the democrats a majority of 106 votes, and among them are the votes of New York, New Jersey and Indiana. A year and a half may work a tremendous advance in democratic prospects. The republican calculator, just at present, seem to be rather blue. [Courier-Journal.]

A FLORIDA YARN.—At Wiggins' log rolling last week the boss lift was made by Sol. Dancer, of Helena, and W. B. Raymond, of Leesburg, two colored men. Mr. Wiggins puts them against the country for strength. They lifted a live oak log two and a half feet in diameter at the butt, fifteen feet long and two feet in diameter at the top. They lifted against six men, and their feet sank over their shoetops in hard ground. The stick with which they lifted was of hickory, well seasoned and four inches in diameter; this they bent. [Pensacola Journal.]

"Do you think that I could get a pension?" asked an enterprising Philadelphian of a pension lawyer. "I guess so, if you were in the army," was the reply. "Well, to tell the truth, I never was," said the enterprising man, "but I celebrated a big victory by getting drunk, slept all night in the gutter, caught the rheumatism, and have had it ever since." The agent says his case is good for \$24 a month, and that he will get it in a few weeks.

The failure of the maple sugar crop in Vermont is the completest for many years. The depth of the snow and the absence of sharp frosts after the season began, limiting the time of the flow of sap, have together reduced the production very much, and damaged the farmers some hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many who usually make enough for their own use and have a surplus to sell will not have enough to supply their own needs.

A few days ago, as two young men were passing near Trinity church, they were stopped by a little boy, who was sitting on the outside of the railing, with "Young gentlemen please help the blind!" "How do you know we are young gentlemen," said one, "if you are blind?" "Oh," said the boy, "I meant deaf and dumb!" They gave him a copper.

The editor of the Hawesville Democrat says Proctor Knott's Duluth speech is as threadbare as that of our breeches. And yet there is that in both the speech and the seat of our breeches which, were it in the head of the editor of the Democrat, would greatly enrich the columns of his paper. [Breckenridge News.]

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